

House District 1

Lynette Bergh, Republican



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Chicago, Illinois

NAME OF SPOUSE: Tom

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Children: 4
Grandchildren: 7,
Great-grandchild: 1

OCCUPATION: Retired Educator, Former Legislative Aide

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 8 yrs. in North Pole

EDUCATION:
Regina Dominican High School (HS Diploma) 1972;
Northeastern Illinois University 1975;
University of California Irvine (BA in Spanish, BS in
Psychology, MA General Education) 1980;
3 Teaching Credentials (K-University, Bilingual/Cross-cultural,
Spanish and Psychology) 1980;
University of Phoenix (MA in Education- Curriculum &
Instruction) 2006.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Legislative Aide
Military & Veterans’ Affairs Committee Aide
FNSB School Board (Curriculum Advisory Committee
appointee)
District 1 Chair
District 11 Treasurer

Fairbanks Republican Women (Former President,
Parliamentarian)

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Legislative Aide, Professor / Teacher

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
VFW Post 10029, Women’s Auxiliary member
CrimeStoppers of Fairbanks (Board of Directors)
National Rifle Association
Santa’s Senior Center (Former President)
Salcha Senior Center

VISTA Supervisor

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Writer, Public Speaker, Researcher, Statistician, Grant writer.
Hobbies: Motorcycle riding, horseback riding, fishing, knitting,
crocheting, singing, chess.

STATEMENT:
Unaffordable energy costs have taken their toll. Heating and electricity bills are so high that residents are selling, abandoning, or losing homes to foreclosure. Residents are choosing between heating or eating. The talk of a gas pipeline hasn’t brought natural gas any closer to our area. This coming session, I can use my several years of legislative experience in the House and Senate to support a pipeline option that will get affordable energy now. The Interior Delegation must caucus with the rural areas to create one loud voice. A short-term plan must be enacted to lower energy costs immediately. Many issues (i.e. Eielson AFB, economic development, senior issues, excessive education and operating budgets) will be addressed once we lower energy costs. Alaska needs implementation of short-term, mid-term, and long-term plans to lower energy costs. I will work to introduce the following legislation:

Short-term:
Energy cap or waiver for seniors, disabled persons, and veterans on fixed incomes.
Flat rate for ratepayers amortized over a 12-month period for electricity and heating costs. Create a caucus with ONE loud voice with the seventeen rural districts who suffer from unaffordable energy costs as we do. Begin buildout for the pipeline and the infrastructure.

Mid-term:
Finish infrastructure for the gasoline distribution system and start the conversion program.

Long-term:
Finish the pipeline.

As a retired teacher, pro-life conservative, avid supporter of the Constitution and passionate advocate for seniors, the disabled and veterans, I am committed to ensuring that residents can afford a better quality of life.

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